

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

Preamble

WHEREAS, The compilation of the charters of all the municipal corporations in Maryland was first prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference in accordance with Chapter 78 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1983; and

WHEREAS, This compilation was legalized under Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1983; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Article 23A, § 17B of the Code, the Department of Legislative Reference has prepared and published supplements to this compilation annually since 1984; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Legislative Reference reprinted the entire compilation in 1990 as the result of the transfer of the charter database to an updated computer system, and will need to reprint the compilation periodically as its computer system continues to be updated; and

WHEREAS, Due to the growing importance, increasing complexity, and expanding volume of municipal charters, the General Assembly believes that it would be appropriate now to codify the legalization of the compilation so as to increase awareness of the legal significance of the compilation as part of the Public Local Laws of Maryland and to improve access to the municipal charters; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Legislative Reference was advised under 80 Opinions of the Attorney General, ___ (1995) [Opinion No. 95-037 (September 21, 1995)], to reprint the charters of those municipal corporations that have been granted urban renewal powers for slum clearance under Article III, § 61 of the Maryland Constitution so as to accurately reflect the urban renewal powers as granted by the General Assembly.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-201.1.

(A) THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND - COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS THAT IS PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT CONTAINS THE CHARTERS OF ALL THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN THE STATE. IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

(B) A REPLACEMENT EDITION OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND - COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS THAT IS PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT CONTAINS THE CHARTERS OF ALL THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN THE STATE